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TO: Honorable William Delahunt
Representative in U. S. Congress
1495 Hancock Street
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William D. Delahunt, M.C.

RE: Interview 9/19/01 with Emily Rooney

If you have access to a tape, audio or TV, of that 4/19/01 interview I suggest you take a few minutes to review it. I listened intently and was heartened by your responses and your obvious grasp of the complexities involved. Thank you for bringing about a renewal of my confidence in your ability to be an outstanding representative of citizens in Massachusetts.

I ask you to take another look at that interview for the following reason. You said, three or four times, "if it was" or "if I was" or "if there was" and each time my memory flashed back to Mrs. Dora White my English teacher (a colleague of, your uncle?, Jack Delahunt) at Weymouth High School. Admittedly the use of "was" for "were" is a flash point for me...one which Mrs. White went to great lengths to pound into our heads. There is a rule of grammar she taught us which I forgot years ago but her red pencil remarks on one of my papers I will take to my grave. One of my homework papers contained the words..."if I was the coach I would have held him up at third". The red pencil comment was "IF" indicates a possibility, "WAS" indicates an accomplishment so "WERE" would be the proper word to use. I also garnered another red pencil on that same paper by writing..."I would like to thank etc" The red pencil said "do you really want to thank someone or are you saying I would like to thank you but I cannot?" End of grammar discussion.

Thank you again for all your efforts on behalf of us.

Cordially,
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